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LETTER FROM A SENATOR

Prominent Eastern Oregon Republican on Portage

Astoria Newspaper Advocates Publication of Assessments Before Equalization of Values

Ed. Journal: I wish to thank you for the stand you have taken against the repeal of the state portage road. Your arguments against its repeal are very apt and conclusive. In truth, every reason urged by the legislators for passing the bill for building the portage road still exist, as it did then. The conditions have not changed, except there is now a little brighter prospect of getting a government canal and locks in the future. But only a tithe of the vast sum necessary to construct the canal has been appropriated for the purpose, and if it took the government twenty years to build a canal a mile long, how long will it take to build one in solid rock most of the way 12 miles long? It is very necessary to have the portage road to give relief to, and aid the development of Eastern Oregon, while the canal is building. We cannot hope for the building of the branch lines of railroads into the interior, such as is now being surveyed in Gilliam county, nor the extension of the Columbian Southern for instance, without a portage road.

There is logic in your argument that the portage road will indirectly accelerate the building of the canal, by partially removing the motives for delaying the construction of the canal. The little portage at the Cascades did have that effect there. It seems preposterous that the state of Oregon should be asked to divert the fund for building its portage road toward buying the right-of-way for a canal. We need not fear that our congressional delegation, and that of Washington and Idaho, will see that the government purchases a right-of-way for the canal. Build the portage road now and furnish the producers relief, and encourage further production from the unlimited resources of Eastern Oregon, and congress will more plainly see the need of making the necessary appropriation for completing the canal. It will take years to build it at best. Yours truly,

W. W. STEIWER.

(Times Mountaineer.)

The Salem Journal is putting forth some good arguments to show why the portage road law should not be repealed. The action of the Journal will certainly be appreciated by the people of Eastern Oregon, for it was hardly expected that a Willamette valley paper would take such deep interest in the welfare of the bunchgrass country.

(Astoria Daily News.)

The Oregon Law Journal has called attention to the matter of tax dodging and publishes an article in a recent issue, urging the publication of the tax list before equalization. It will undoubtedly do a great deal to equalize the burden of taxation. This should be incorporated in the new tax law, to be presented at the special session.

ELECTRIC FIRE SCENE

In the Play of the Little Out-cast

Was Not on the Bills--How Guy Davis Dropped a Hot Wire but Never Lost His Nerve

In the play of "The Little Outcast," at the Grand Opera House, there was a fire scene that required some extra electric lighting, and, in putting on the fullest force of the currents, one of the wires caught fire, and literally burned up, and would have set fire to the stage settings, but for the heroic action of Electrician Guy Davis, the 22-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Davis, No. 9, State street.

He grabbed the burning wire and tore it away, so that the scenery was saved, while he turned off the current. The stage helpers ran away, frightened to death at the flashing blazes. Davis received a full 212-volt current. As soon as he grabbed the live wire it doubled him up for an instant, but he got straightened out, and shouted, as low as he could, for the orchestra to go on playing, as quite a cloud rolled out from the stage, and some of the audience were getting alarmed. If he had stood on damp ground he might not have been alive today. As the fire scene had preceded they quieted down under the influence of the orchestra, and thus a stampede was prevented. The inside of young Davis' hand was burned to a crisp, and he still shows the effect of the shock. He has been so remarkably modest about his performance that the affair never leaked out until today, and then not through him.

Hanna Not a Candidate.

Washington, Dec. 10.—National Committeeman New, of Indiana, after a conference with Roosevelt this afternoon announced that, as a friend of Hanna's, he could set at rest all rumors of the Ohioans candidacy. He said Hanna was not even a perspective candidate when the convention chooses its standard-bearer. He believed no name would be submitted but Roosevelt's, and he would be nominated by acclamation. He said the question of a successor to Perry Heath had not been brought up at this present meeting.

A California Lockout.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 10.—The Holt Harvester and Manufacturing Company last evening locked out its blacksmiths, and declare its intention of running an open shop. Later the Federated Trades declared the Holt's unfair.

The Holt strike is the commencement of a bitter battle between organized labor and organized employers, and practically every employer in the city is backing Holt.

Folk Declines to Lecture.

St. Louis, Dec. 10.—Folk has declined \$100 a day to lecture for the Redpath agency, although his salary is only \$5000 a year, with prospects of it being cut to \$3500. In his letter, declining to lecture, he says: "I have a duty to perform, which money can't alter."

BURGLARS "BURGLE" ALBANY

Hold up Max Baumgart in His Saloon Last Night

Two Men Do the Work Covering the Proprietor With Revolvers While They Clean up

Max Baumgart was held up in his saloon last night, about 10:40 o'clock by two unmasked strangers. The robbers secured about \$25 and a revolver, and then escaped in the darkness. The hold-up was a daring one, and was carried out in a sensational manner.

The robbers, who were both young men, had been hanging around the saloon most of the evening. They professed to be bartenders, on their way to San Francisco and said they wanted to stay around the stove in the saloon while they were waiting for the 11:30 train.

Soon after 10 o'clock, when the two strangers were in the rear room of the saloon alone with Mr. Baumgart, one of them appeared to become very restless.

He kept walking back and forth from the rear room through the front room out to the street entrance of the saloon, probably keeping watch to see if many people were on the streets. About 10 minutes before the hold-up he walked out of the saloon and went over to Hode's saloon. When he returned he walked through the door into the rear room of the saloon, with a revolver in his hand, pointed directly at Baumgart. The other stranger, who was standing by the stove, also drew a pistol.

There was nothing left for Baumgart to do but stand still and be robbed. While one of the men kept a revolver pointed at the proprietor's head, the other rapidly opened the till, from which he secured a little over \$13, and then searched Baumgart, taking ten or twelve dollars and a pistol.

The robbers then left the saloon, running across First street to Ferry street. They were seen to run past the side of Hode's saloon until they reached the alley, when they turned eastward toward Broadbalm street. Here trace of them was lost.

The streets were almost deserted when the hold-up was committed. Officer Cantwell was a block away, but did not hear anything of the affair until the robbers had fled.

The strangers were in the saloon almost all evening and Baumgart had an opportunity to observe them well. Both were young men of medium height, and rather slim. The police have a complete description of them, and the clothing they wore, and kept a close watch for them last evening. The strangers were seen by several Albany men during the evening, both in Baumgart's and Hode's saloon. Chief of Police McClain thinks they have been in the city a day or two.—Albany Herald.

Farmers for Miners.

Sunnyside, Utah, Dec. 10.—At a meeting of the strikers they decided to stay out until the union is recognized. Organizers claim the union men on the railroad will decline to handle coal. Farmers are coming in by wagon loads to work in the mines under the promise of protection.

Hearst's New Paper.

Los Angeles, Dec. 10.—The first issue of Hearst's Los Angeles Examiner is to appear December 12th, instead of

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the 12th, as originally announced. Eastern people interested in the new venture are said to be superstitious about the 13 hoodoo. Manager Strauss denies this, and says the change was made in order to perfect the carrier system.

Salem Labor Hitch.

The trouble between the local barbers' union and two shops, owned by Ernest Anderson and C. E. Bunce, which has caused some discussion for the past few months, culminated last evening in the issuance of a circular by the barbers' union, warning people against patronizing the two shops named, on pain of the displeasure of the members of the trades unions. This action is believed by some to be in conflict with the black-listing law passed at the 1901 session of the legislature, and it is stated that litigation will ensue as a result of it. The original trouble followed the refusal of the two shops to put in force a scale of rates for shaving, including an extra charge of five cents for neck-shaves, adopted by the other barber shops of the city, but not enforced now, on account of the refusal of the two places to enforce the new schedule.

County Clerk Roland today issued a marriage license to Richard C. Sears and Grace E. Hansen, A. C. Miller furnishing the necessary affidavit.

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Japanese Legislature.

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B. P. O. Elks' Meeting.

Tonight. Social session and banquet. H. H. OLINGER, Exalted Ruler.



"Holoma" A Story that Thrills

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